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Abstract

In situations where the calling party is connected to Limited-Intelligence Incoming Call-Accepting (LIICA) terminating entity, for example, a telephone answering machine, a much more satisfactory interaction is had for both the calling party and the called party when the telephone service provider's system detects that a connection is being made to LIICA entity and provides the calling party with the option to leave a message in the provider's messaging platform. When the caller accepts that option, the system interacts with the caller in a conventional way to leave a message on the messaging platform, and also interacts with the LIICA entity (if possible) to leave a short message thereon that informs the called party that a message is waiting for the called party on the messaging platform, which can be retrieved at the called party's discretion.